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2009-2010 CONTRIBUTION REFORM BUT FAVORS CONSENSUS

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¶1. (SBU) The GOJ fundamentally shares the USG position on zero nominal growth (ZNG) and the need for scale of contribution reform with regard to the IEA budget, Ministry of Foreign Affairs Economic Security Division official Rumi Onishi said in response to the U.S. points (ref). However, Onishi said MOFA has not yet received budget proposals from the IEA Secretariat, which makes a firm commitment on scale of contribution reform difficult. Onishi suggested the GOJ may be amenable to a consensus agreement to discuss scale of contribution reform by early next year in order to move the budget process forward at the December 16-17 IEA Governing Board meeting. Onishi also identified Sweden, Norway, and Poland as members that appear to support budget reform in exchange for support of the proposed zero real growth (ZRG) budget.

¶2. (SBU) Onishi asked if the USG intends to seek a vote on the ZRG budget and extraordinary carry-forwards in exchange for contribution reform at the upcoming meeting or if it would try to develop a consensus. Emboff said he would forward this question to relevant officials in Washington and reiterated the talking point that the USG cannot agree to the ZRG budget or extraordinary carry-forwards separate from a commitment by members to scale of contribution reform.
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